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SUMMARY: RECENT EMERGENCY HERE HAS CAUSED US TO RE-EVALUATE THE INADEQUATE MEDICAL FACILITIES. WE SHALL ENCOURAGE THE LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO FORM A COOPERATIVE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AS PART OF A LONG-TERM PROGRAM. POSTS ARE ASKED TO FURNISH ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND SIMILAR MATERIAL ON THE OPERATION OF SUCH HOSPITALS IN THEIR AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. RECENT EMERGENCY IN WHICH WE DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS NO AVAILABLE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF THE HEJAZ HAS LED US TO ORGANIZE A COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO BUY NECESSARY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR THE INADEQUATE LOCAL HOSPITAL AND ADOPT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE EMERGENCIES. HOWEVER, DISCUSSIONS WITH RMO WILDE HAVE ALSO LED US TO CONSIDER THE UTILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ENTIRELY NEW MEDICAL FACILITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN JIDDA.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
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NON-PROFIT COOPERATIVE FACILITIES SUCH AS THOSE OF THE

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AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN PARIS, ADMIRAL BRISTOW HOSPITAL IN
ISTANBUL, AND THE BANGKOK NURSING HOME. THE AMERICAN
COMMUNITY HERE HAS HAD A SERIES OF MEDICAL SHOCKS AND
NEAR MISSES IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS. THEY SEEM READY TO
DO SOMETHING. THERE EXISTS AN EMPTY HOSPITAL COMPLETE
WITH QUITE MODERN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN
OPENED. IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT WITH EMBASSY LEADER-
SHIP THE COMMUNITY COULD ORGANIZE ITSELF TO TAKE OVER THE
FACILITY AND HAVE IT RUNNING IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD
OF TIME. THE MAJOR PROBLEM WE FORESEE IS THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND ITS RELUCTANCE TO LET PRIVATE MEDICAL
FACILITIES BE CREATED OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT.
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